

## PATENT APPLICATION

### OPTICAL PROBES AND PROBE SYSTEMS FOR MONITORING FLUID FLOW IN A WELL

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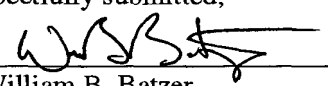
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This application is related to co-owned U.S. Patent #5,831,743 entitled "Optical Probes", U.S. Patent #5,956,132 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Optically Discriminating Between the Phases of a Three-Phase Fluid", U.S. Patent #6,016,191 entitled "Apparatus and Tool Using Tracers and Single Point Optical Probes for Measuring Characteristics of Fluid Flow in a Hydrocarbon Well and Methods of Processing Resulting Signals", U.S. Patent #6,023,340 entitled "Single Point Optical Probe for Measuring Three-Phase Characteristics of Fluid Flow in a Hydrocarbon Well", and U.S. Patent #6,075,611 entitled "Methods and Apparatus Utilizing a Derivative of a Fluorescence Signal for Measuring the Characteristics of a Multiphase Fluid Flow in a Hydrocarbon Well", all of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

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This application is also related to co-owned, concurrently filed U.S. Serial No. 10/---,--- entitled "Apparatus and Methods for Determining Velocity of Oil in a Flow Stream" (Docket #60.1442) and U.S. Serial No. 10/---,--- entitled "Downhole Fluorescence Detection Apparatus" (Docket 21.0918) both of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

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